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Mrs. Fred G. Stewart to Helen V. Smith – Tuck's Christmas Postcard – December 24, 1908

Notes

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Christmas postcard sent to Miss Helen Smith in Roseburg, Oregon, postmarked December 24, 1908. The brief handwritten greeting reads:

"Best wishes for a merry Xmas."

The card is signed Mrs. Fred G. Stewart, and the postmark appears to be Roseburg, Oregon.

The recipient is believed to be Helen V. Smith, one of the daughters of Douglas County pioneer Judge Thomas Smith and Arethusa Emeline Lynn Smith. Other postcards in the same group are addressed to Emma Smith, believed to be Helen's sister. Several of these Helen and Emma Smith cards were found among the papers and postcards of Esther Wells Smith, although the reason for that connection remains unresolved.

The sender provides an additional research breadcrumb. A Fred G. Stewart appears in Douglas County records by 1905, and a Fred Stewart is subsequently documented in Roseburg, including service as a deputy sheriff. Later records also show an F. G. Stewart engaged in the insurance business in Roseburg. A 1912 Roseburg newspaper notice identifies Mrs. Fred Stewart as a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cox. These records may concern the Fred G. Stewart whose wife signed this postcard, but that connection has not yet been conclusively established.

The postcard was published by Raphael Tuck & Sons as part of its "Christmas" Series No. 1053. The front features a winter scene within a rustic wood or bark-style frame with "Christmas Greetings" incorporated into the design.

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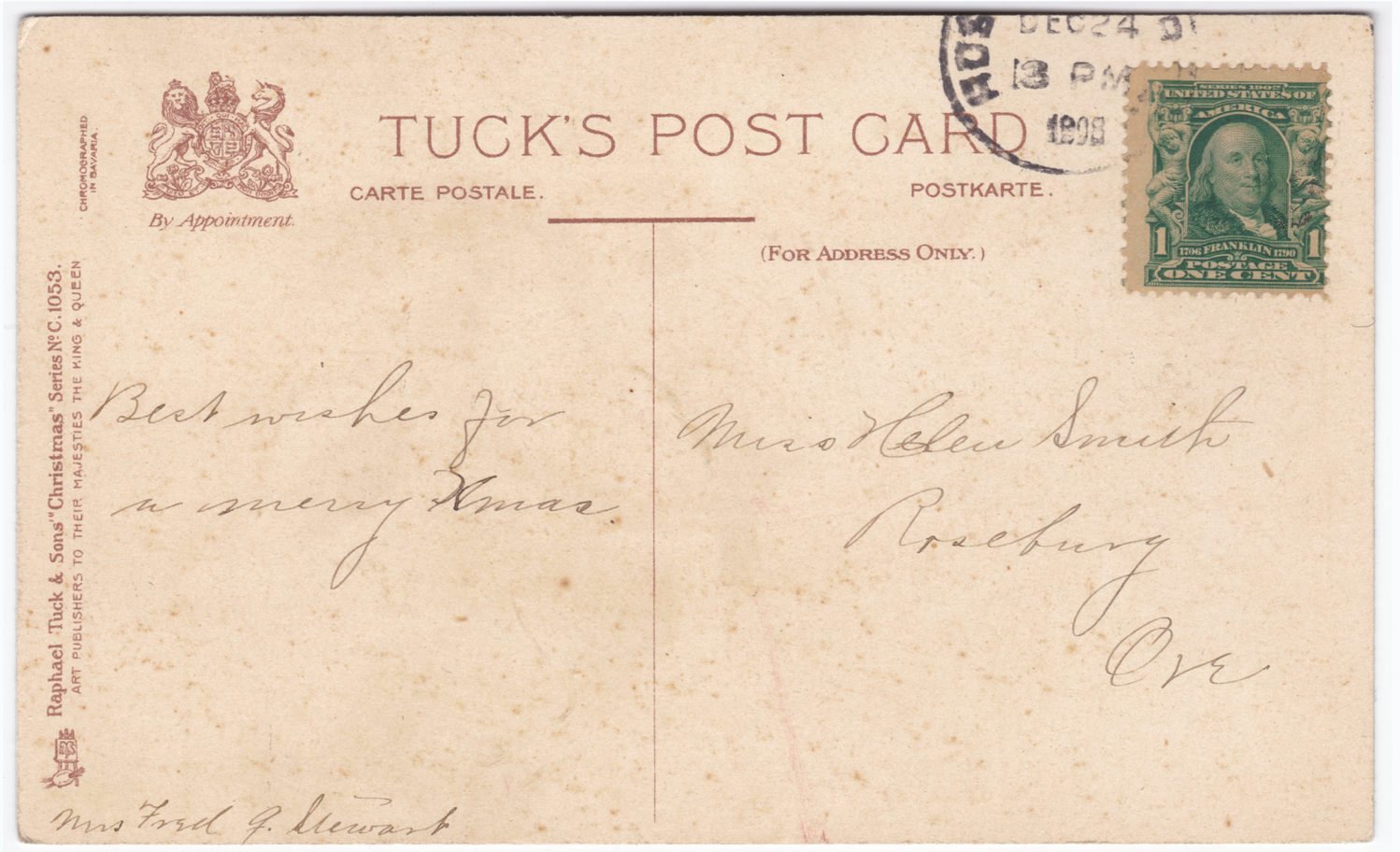
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